

was " as old as Priscilla ". Priscilla asked her " Where is your mother ? " / *haven't any*. " Why not she ? " *She's dead*. " When did she die ? " *When I was about your age*. The two children then kept repeating " Poor Mrs. I. " while they were modelling, " Mrs. I. " And presently asked her, " Do you hear what we're saying " *poor Mrs. I.* " " And d'ye know why ? " *It's because your mammy is dead*. " They then asked various details about it. " Did you cry ? What did you do ? How did she catch cold ? Was she in bed ? Did you see her ? " Had she a nurse ? Where is she now ? " And then talked about brothers and sisters. Priscilla then said, " Oh, I should cry if my mammy died, wouldn't you, Dan ? " Dan replied, " No, I should go to my other mammy ! " *Have you another mammy, Dan ?* " Oh, yes, I've two or three. " And then, later, " I've got fifteen mammies. "

11.11.25. Penelope and Tommy were playing mummy and daddy " and Tommy insisted on being the mummy.

14.12.25. Whenever anything is being cut—paper or sewing material or canvas—Priscilla is extremely anxious that no one should " have their finger or thumb cut off. The fear is expressly " cut off ", not just " hurt " or " cut. "

5.3.26. Several of the children played a family game with Mrs. I. to-day. Dan wanted her to be the " mother ", with Jessica and Tommy as her " babies ". But Tommy would not have this—he said *he* was " the mummy " and Mrs. I. the " daddy. "

13.12.26/16.12.26. (See Jane's and Conrad's remarks under SEXUAL CURIOSITY.)

24.1.27. Dan and Priscilla were writing opposite to each other at a table, and Mrs. I. was near. Suddenly Dan began swaying his body about in a tense way, with lips pursed up. Priscilla looked at him and said, with a meaning smile, " I know who you are—you're Miss X. " Dan laughed, and said, " She's always moving about, isn't she ? When she stands up she moves like this. " Then, with

laughter: " I expect it's because she wants to make water, and can't. I expect she's been to the hospital and they did something to her, and now she can't make water."

3.2.27. Lena, Phineas and Jessica were digging in the sand-pit. They were getting in each other's way and quarrelling a little about their " castles ". Lena said something which annoyed Phineas, and he replied, " If you do, I'll hit you." Lena said, " I'll cut your hands off." Jessica: " So will I" Lena: " I'll cut off one hand and you can cut off the other."